

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Cheryl Ann Krause, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Richard Franklin Boulware II, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Salvador Mendoza, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Staci Michelle Yandle, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, Leon Rodriguez, of Maryland, to be Director of the

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, and Damon Paul Martinez, of New Mexico, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico, Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 4383–4397; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 537–538 and 540–542, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 539, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1874) to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for macroeconomic analysis of the impact of legislation, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1871) to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to reform the budget baseline, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1872) to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to increase transparency in Federal budgeting, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–400).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Pittenger to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:06 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Save American Workers Act of 2014: The House passed H.R. 2575, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the 30-hour threshold for classification as a full-time employee for purposes of the employer mandate in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and replace it with 40 hours, by a recorded vote of 248 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 156. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, April 2nd.

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Rejected the Takano motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instruc-

tions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 191 yeas to 232 nays, Roll No. 155.

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H. Res. 530, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to yesterday, April 2nd.

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the violence at Fort Hood on April 2, 2014.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Gabbard, wherein she resigned from the Committee on Homeland Security.

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Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 537, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Horsford, wherein he resigned from the Committees on Natural Resources and Homeland Security.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he issued an Executive Order declaring a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by the situation in and in relation to South Sudan—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–102).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2906.

Senate Referral: S. 404 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2890 and H2891. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW THE STATE OF THE RURAL ECONOMY

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing to Review the State of the Rural Economy. Testimony was heard from Tom Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR FY 2015

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies held a markup on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2015. The bill was ordered reported, without amendment.

APPROPRIATIONS—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL FY 2015

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a markup on Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill FY 2015. The bill was ordered reported, without amendment.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on National Park Service FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Jon Jarvis, Director, National Park Service.

APPROPRIATIONS—USDA FOOD SAFETY FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA and Related Agencies held a hearing on USDA Food Safety FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Brian Ronholm, Acting Under Secretary, Food Safety; Phil Derfler, Deputy Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service; and Michael Young, Budget Officer.

APPROPRIATIONS—MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Missile Defense Agency. This was a closed hearing.

APPROPRIATIONS—SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing

on Small Business Administration FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Marianne O'Brien Markowitz, Acting Administrator, Small Business Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from the following National Nuclear Security Administration Officials: Bruce Held, Acting Administrator; Don Cook, Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security; and Brig. Gen. James C. Dawkins Jr., Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator for Military Applications.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MODES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Oversight of Department of Transportation Modes. Testimony was heard from Michael Huerta, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; Greg Nadeau, Deputy Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; Joseph Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; Therese McMillan, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; Cynthia Quarterman, Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; and Anne Ferro, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL GUARD AND U.S. ARMY RESERVE FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from General Frank J. Grass, Chief National Guard Bureau, Lieutenant General Stanley E. Clarke III, Director, Air National Guard; Major General Judd H. Lyons, Acting Director, Army National Guard; and Lieutenant General Jeffrey W. Talley, Chief, United States Army Reserve.

APPROPRIATIONS—UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on the United States Fish and Wildlife Service FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Dan Ashe, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.